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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON DESIGNATION OF AL-SHABAAB AS A
TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

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Classified By: Polcouns Casey Christensen for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(c) Polcouns delivered 3/18 ref A demarche on the designation of al-Shabaab as a Foreign Terrorist Organization to MFA Counterterrorism Coordinator Ambassador Cecilia Ruthstrom-Ruin. Ruthstrom-Ruin welcomed the information, noted that al-Shabaab is present in Sweden and that persons connected to it had recently been arrested on terrorism finance charges (ref B). She noted also that there are different strains within al-Shabaab and queried why the U.S. had chosen to designate nationally, rather than through the UN. She said Sweden has no plans to designate al-Shabaab, and that there is a public debate on its role. She said Sweden is continuing an investigation of al-Shabaab's activities and connections.
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